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OUTLET

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 24, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period of one month ending June 24, 2005 was set in which to respond, Applicant elects Species II of Figure 3 reading on claims 1-12 for further prosecution.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that Figures 1 & 2 and Figure 3 are two embodiments of a single invention and that all claims (claims 1-12) currently pending in this application read on each of Figures 1, 2 and 3. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the embodiments of Figures 1 & 2 and Figure 3 are not independent of each other. As recited in MPEP 806.04(e), "Claims are definitions of inventions" and a generic claim may include two or more disclosed embodiments. Herein, claim 1 is the sole independent claim describing the invention, with the remaining claims dependent on claim 1. Furthermore, Claim 1 is cited in the office action as being generic and claims 2 – 12 are also generic.

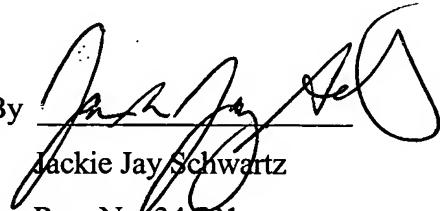
Additionally, as Figures 1 & 2 and Figure 3 merely represent two embodiments of a single invention, Applicant respectfully submits that only a single search in a single art unit need be performed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search to be performed would not be unduly burdensome on the Examiner. As claims 1-12 all read on each of Figures 1, 2 and 3, Applicant respectfully submits that this restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicant acknowledges that upon the allowance of a generic claim, all additional species written in dependent form or otherwise including all limitations of the generic claim will be considered.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due please this fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2828.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Richard Myers et al.

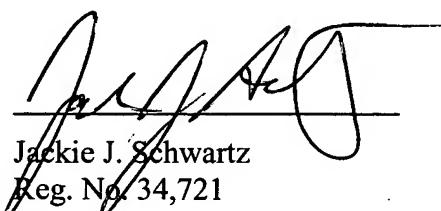
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